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1. Arlus, heavily capitalized in 1945 to spread Communism, is encouraging translation of Soviet books, especially books for juveniles. It is trying to encourage Rumanian writers to express Soviet ideals in native Rumanian books. It is aided by the Department of Education, which continues to add more and more material on Communism to the school books, and by the controlled press. Objectionable books are simply destroyed.
2. Publication of Soviet books in Rumania, since Arlus was established, is as follows:

Year	Works translated	Copies printed
1945	99	863,000
1949	344	4,733,300
1951	1,696	18,697,866

These publications are divided as follows:

Purely Soviet literature	38.5 percent
Classic Russian literature	11 "
Social and Communist problems in the USSR	26.9 "
Soviet science	13.2 "
Current affairs, albums showing life in the USSR	10.4 "
	100.0 percent

3. Importation of Soviet literature in the Russian language totaled:

1949	441,473 volumes
1950	730,289 "
1951	1,268,391 "

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4. Other figures exist showing vigorous propaganda through the bookshops, but without definite dates. Thus the Publication of Youth have printed 112 books (2,000,000 copies in all), translated from Russian to Rumanian. There have been 66 children's books, making a total of 1,578,000 copies. Stalin's works have been issued in 5,000,000 copies. The General Confederation of Labor, the People's Academy of Rumania, and the Society of Literature and Art pour out books by the thousand.
5. Special commissions work in all towns and villages to spread Soviet literature. Anyone who wants to study Russian is given the opportunity. People who do not know the language have trouble getting jobs. Workers have various bulletins and Russian newspapers. Parents are occasionally caught trying to show their children the errors in these books. They are detected by the usual espionage carried on by the children themselves. Agent provocateurs lead workers into discussions of bulletins and Soviet newspapers.
6. The Resistance is trying to supply such non-Soviet books as have survived destruction.

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